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## **Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Original): 1 A computer-implemented method for managing personal 2 documents, comprising: loading a document into storage, said document having a category; 3 determining the document category; 4 receiving at least one processing rule, wherein the rule is associated with 5 6 the document category; and 7 processing the document according to the processing rule. Claim 2. (Original): The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein the 1 processing rule includes retention criteria for determining how long to save the 2 document. 3 Claim 3. (Original): A computer system having a processor, a display and ) memory, the memory including an operating environment, and a computer-2 readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing a 3 4 method of managing personal documents, comprising: computer-executable instructions for loading a document into storage, said 5 б document having a category; 7 computer-executable instructions for determining the document category; 8 computer-executable instructions for receiving at least one processing rule, wherein the at least one rule is associated with the document category; and 9 computer-executable instructions for processing the document according to 10 the processing rule. 11 1 Claim 4. (Original): The computer system of claim 3, wherein the processing rule

includes retention criteria for determining how long to save the document.

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- Claim 5. (Original): A computer program product having a computer-readable 1 medium holding computer-executable instructions for performing a method for 2 managing personal documents, the method comprising: 3 loading a document into storage, said document having a category; determining the document category; receiving at least one processing rule, wherein the rule is associated with the document category; and processing the document according to the processing rule. Claim 6. (Original): The computer program product of claim 5, wherein the processing rule includes retention criteria for determining how long to save the document. Claim 7. (Original): A method for transferring a computer program product from one or more first computers to a second computer connected to the one or more first computers through a communications medium, comprising: (a) accessing, on the one or more first computers, computer-executable instructions, which when executed by a computer, perform the steps of: (1) loading a document into storage, said document having a category; (2) receiving at least one processing rule, wherein the rule is associated with the document category; and (3) processing the document according to the processing rule; and
  - Claim 8. (Original): The method of claim 7, wherein the processing rule includes

first computers to the second computer through the communications medium.

(b) transferring the computer-executable instructions from the one or more

2 retention criteria for determining how long to save the document.